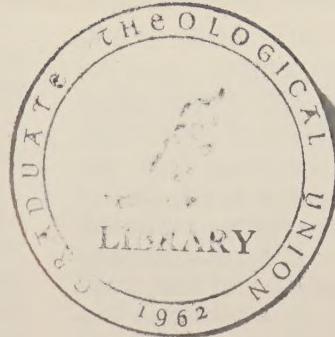




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Divine Healing *by Earl L. Minton*

With special attention given to

1. God's Concern for the Health of His Children, and
2. The Relationship Between Prayer and Prescriptions.

(Does a visit to a doctor indicate a lack of faith?)

TE: This is the eighth in a series
string basic teachings of the Christian
atholic Church.

God's interest in the health of
people is clearly demonstrated
oughout Scripture. When God,
the hand of Moses, delivered
el from bondage in Egypt, He
e them this promise:

*If thou wilt diligently hearken
the voice of the LORD thy God,
wilt do that which is right in
sight, and wilt give ear to His
ammandments, and keep all His
utes, I will put none of these
ases upon thee, which I have
ught upon the Egyptians; for
in the LORD that healeth thee.*"
Exodus 15:26

God then followed up this prom-
— a conditional promise to be
— with health laws (though
y are not referred to as "health"
s), which when followed, would
in the prevention of illness and
ease. These laws included such
ngs as the following:

Personal cleanliness and the
unliness of dishes and cooking
nsils (Leviticus 11:28-36; 15:5-
6:28).

2. The prohibition of eating sac-
cial flesh (meat) after the second

day (Levit. 7:15-17). (Meat spoils
quickly in a hot climate.)

3 The law of clean foods (Levit.
11:1; 12:8). If with all our modern
day knowledge of the disease, trich-
inosis, from improperly cooked
pork, millions of Americans are
suffering from it, (Science News
Letter, Dec. 15, 1951 reported
21,000,000 Americans suffering
from it to some degree) of how
much greater sickness, suffering
and death would Israel have ex-
perienced without that knowledge.
Rabbits are also known to be
carriers of the tularemia disease as
well as other diseases. In fact, while
preparing this article, two news
items appeared in our local paper,
The Waukegan News Sun, on or
about January 10, 1979, concerning
disease in unclean foods. One
told of a hunter bringing back
bear meat from Alaska which was
infected with trichinosis. The other
told of a hunter which had con-
tracted the dread bubonic plague
while cleaning a rabbit he had shot.
While cleaning it, he had accidentally
cut his finger on a bone of the rab-
bit and so became infected. Other
rabbits he shot were also found to
be so infected.

4. Any animal that had been

torn by another or had died a natural
death was not to be eaten by an
Israelite.

5. The Israelites were warned
against mutilating their own bodies,
either by tattooing or by cutting
themselves with knives as a sign of
mourning for the dead. These laws
helped cut down the chances for
infection.

6. All metal objects captured
from the enemy were to be cleansed
and "passed through the fire." This
is the same procedure we use today
when we sterilize equipment. All
material that could not withstand
the fire were to be washed with
water (Numbers 31:21-24)

7. The water supply was pro-
tected from contamination in a
number of ways. Uncovered vessels
in a home where death had entered
were considered unclean. Vessels
into which unclean animals, such as
mice and lizards, had fallen were to
be cleansed or broken.

8. The camp, or community, of
Israel was arranged according to
sanitary needs. This was the first
such planned community on record.
A place was set aside for the dis-
posal of human refuse, which was
to be buried (Deut. 23:12-14). The
effect of this burial system was to

prevent infestation of the soil with hookworm or blood-fluke parasites.

9. Persons with communicable diseases, such as leprosy, were isolated (Levit. 13). This greatly helped to prevent the spread of the disease.

Through all of these laws, the concern of God for the health of His people is clearly indicated. When sickness did occur, God showed His readiness to heal when the conditions of repentance and faith were met (Exodus 15:26; II Chronicles 7:13, 14; Psalms 103 and 116).

Jesus, the perfect revelation of the Father, manifested God's concern for the sick by healing those who came to him in faith. He also commissioned His disciples to "heal the sick." He also gave many promises which could be claimed by His people in prayer for healing. Also, in sending the Holy Spirit upon the church (believers) after His ascension, He gave specific gifts of the Spirit for healing (1st Corin. 12:27-30).

Divine healing is a blessed reality. God is concerned with the physical needs and sufferings of His people. Because God cares for the sick, Christians are expected to care for them also — and this care goes far beyond the mere offering of a prayer for them (Luke 10:30-37; Matt. 25:36).

Today, many believers are troubled over the relationship between prayer and prescriptions. If a person goes to a doctor when sick, is that an indication of a denial of the faith or an evidence of a lack of true faith? Is the use of medical science compatible with Scripture? Can it be God's will for a believer to seek medical attention?

First, let us recognize that there are differences of opinion on this subject, and that we must take care to follow the command of Paul in Romans 14 concerning differences on subjects not vital to salvation. Paul's word is: "*Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, . . .*" "*Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.*" "*But why dost thou judge thy brother?*" "*Let us, therefore, follow after the things which make for peace, and things with which one may edify another.*" "*Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that*

condemneth not himself in the thing which he alloweth."

Secondly, let us recognize that nowhere in the Bible is there a condemnation of the use of doctors or medicine. Some would dispute this statement, pointing to King Asa — so let us look at it. In II Chronicles 16:12, 13, we read:

"And Asa, in the thirty and ninth year of his reign, was diseased in his feet, until his disease was very great; yet in his disease he sought not the LORD, but the physicians.

And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign."

A casual reading of this passage might seem to indicate that Asa's sin was in seeking help from physicians rather than going directly to God. However, in reading the entire 16th chapter, you find that Asa had turned his back on God and had turned for help to a heathen king when his country was invaded by northern Israel. For this he was rebuked by the prophet. Rather than humbling himself, Asa became angry and put the prophet into prison and set out to oppress others at the same time.

From this context, it would seem that Asa's illness was a direct result of the chastisement of God. Under such circumstances no physician or medicine could help. His only hope was to humble himself and repent. This he refused to do.

For anyone to use this Scripture as a proof-text to show that seeking help from a doctor is sin is to be guilty of grossly misinterpreting the passage.

If it were a sin to seek the help of a doctor or physician I do not think that the Apostle Paul would refer to Luke by his vocational name, "physician," as he did in Colossians 4:14, where he referred to him as the "beloved physician." Luke is the author of two New Testament books, Luke and Acts. By vocation, he was a physician. Now if it were sin for a Christian to seek help from a physician, would God have chosen one to be the author of two very important New Testament books?

Notice also that the Apostle Paul did not refer to Luke as a beloved brother, but as a beloved physician.

To refer to anyone in such endearing terms, as a "beloved pastor," or a "beloved teacher," would surely indicate the person's vocation played an important part in the relationship. To Paul, Luke was the "beloved physician." As Paul's traveling companion, Luke no doubt ministered to Paul's time and again using the knowledge and skill he had acquired as a physician — under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In Proverbs 24:3-6, we read:

"Through wisdom is an house builded, and by understanding it is established;

And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

For by wise counsel thou shanest make thy war, and in multitude of counselors there is safety."

This and other passages in Proverbs express the blessing of wisdom, knowledge and counsel. Ignorance is a blight, not bliss.

A doctor is one who has specialized in studies concerning the human body and of sicknesses and diseases, and of medicines that might be of help. This knowledge has been tested again and again. For God to tell us that there is blessing in wisdom, knowledge and counsel, and then to refuse to consult one most likely to have that knowledge would seem to be both foolish and detrimental.

In Exodus 31:1-11 we read that Bezalel was filled with the Holy Spirit that he might have wisdom for building the tabernacle and in making the furniture and vessels for the tabernacle. Others were also given special wisdom and knowledge to assist Bezalel in this task. The tabernacle was in that day what the believer's body is today — the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. Surely God is more concerned with the body as the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit than he was of a material dwelling place — even though the tabernacle was to be made exactly according to God's plan in order to exactly picture the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Certainly, in giving out talents and abilities, God would not overlook those talents and abilities for

noting the health of His children. In II Corinthians, Paul speaks of God as the "God of all comfort." In that same epistle, he speaks of God having comforted through the person of Titus. God generally uses people to bring comfort to people. God shows His love and concern through people. God comforts through people. He satisfies the hungry through people. God meets the financial and spiritual needs through people, so meets the physical, mental, and emotional needs through people. A simple fact is that God has always used doctors, physicians, dentists, oculists, psychologists, etc. to minister to the needs of His children. Nor is it necessary for the doctor to be a Christian to be of help, though there is the added blessing of his faith and sensitivity to God's guidance and help in he/she is.

Medical science has made great advances during our twentieth century and it is nothing short of miraculous the help that may be given through surgical procedures, such as kidney transplants, open heart surgery, etc. Yet, with all their knowledge and skill, doctors are not healers. They can only promote healing. It is God who heals, and He has built into the body itself a healing process. God is sovereign and He alone determines whether a person may be healed or how long his life shall last. It is God who makes our appointment with death and no one can delay that appointment one second. This sovereignty of God is declared in Deuteronomy 32:39.

"See now that I, even I, am He, there is no god with me: I kill, I make alive; I wound, and I heal; neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand."

God generally works through normal processes to accomplish His will. When Israel was in the wilderness, God supplied them with food from heaven and water from the rock, but when they reached the promised land, they got their food by farming — by the sweat of their brow.

Due to my age, I can no longer read small print with my natural eyes. I do not need to ask God for a miracle when a visit to an eye

doctor can quickly correct this — with glasses. The same is true for almost any illness, broken bone, disease, etc. God's normal way is to work through existing available help, and we ought to be very grateful to God for whatever help is available in our time of need.

Though God does use doctors, dentists, etc. to help people, that does not mean that a Christian should immediately run to a doctor when he has a physical need. What then ought a Christian to do when he becomes ill? There are several important Biblical principles to be followed if we would experience God's way of healing:

1. Look first to God for wisdom. James 1:5,6 tells us:

'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.'

'But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering....'

God has promised wisdom and guidance to all who look to Him in faith. In your need, God may guide you to trust Him alone for healing. If that be the case, then the leaders of the church and other earnest Christians may be called to give support through faith and prayer according to James 5:13-16.

'Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.'

'Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;'

'And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.'

'Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.'

It may also be that God will guide you to seek help from a doctor. If such be the case, you can trust God for healing through that means, knowing that it is God who heals.

It may be that you will have no direct leading of the Lord. Should that be the case, God is likely leading you to use the common sense. He has already entrusted you with. This would likely mean that you

would in good faith seek out the kind of doctor most likely knowledgeable about your specific need.

In case of an emergency, it is not necessary to pray for considerable time to get God's direction. He can give it to you instantaneously — as in the case of Nehemiah (See Nehemiah 2:1-5). If you are living in constant good relationship with God, He can answer even before you call.

2. It is also important to realize that some illnesses are a direct result of the chastening of God, as described in 1st Corinthians 11:27-32. Whenever illness strikes a believer, he should always open his heart to God to see if there is something in his life that is displeasing to the Lord. If the Holy Spirit does bring conviction about some sin, then it should be confessed and forsaken. If, however, upon opening your heart of God, the Holy Spirit does not convict of some sin, then there is no reason to fear or to be anxious.

3. The believer must also recognize that God may have a special purpose and plan in his illness — as in the case of the man born blind (John 9:1-3). It may be that God wants to use your illness in some way to His glory and to the blessing of others. Paul's thorn in the flesh was something of this nature. In such a case, running to a doctor without first getting direction from God could be the means of missing a blessing.

Above all things, know that God cares (1st Peter 5:7). Jesus, our great High Priest, is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and ever lives to make intercession for us. God does desire the health of His people. Let us seek to follow those principles of good health to prevent, as much as possible, sickness. Let us also not refuse God's guidance in the use of means (or persons) where this is His will. Let us also not be too quick to run to a doctor or take a lot of medicines not prescribed. Trust God to guide, and when healing comes, don't forget to thank and praise Him.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

3rd John 2

MISSIONS

"So we ourselves ought to support such people . . . to be fellow workers with them in the truth." *III John 8.*

ANGOLA, AFRICA

C.P. 33, Lubango
Rep. Pop. de Angola
December 23, 1978

Dear Christian Catholic Church Friends,

With no Christmas decorations of any kind, or even Christmas cards available in this country, there still pervades the atmosphere of "Christmas." December 25th is marked as "Family Day" and thus a holiday on the calendar. Christians in the land look forward to remembering the Birth of our Lord and Savior! Special services will be held on Sunday and then a service on Christmas morning in the churches. Young people and choirs of the churches have been practicing for Christmas play presentation for Sunday afternoon. The Sunday school children look forward to their "treat" tomorrow morning, and fortunately at almost the last minute, we were able to purchase some sacks of hard candy to give them. After months of getting just some food items each month, this week in each store "of the people" (each area has its own store and one cannot shop in any other), rice, margarine, macaroni, cooking oil, wheat flour and sugar (two items that were soon gone) were available to the people. No matter how large or small a family might be, they could purchase only about \$40. worth of goods. In other stores there was a limited supply of radios, thermos bottles, a few dishes, some refrigerators, but beyond that, not too much available.

It is now the day after Christmas and we had a blessed weekend and the Lord worked in hearts and lives in each of the services. We invited some of the youth of the church here at the Center to play volleyball in the afternoon, and over forty came, after which I served Kool-aid (from the States) and cookies which I had made. So it was a full, busy and happy weekend. We thought of our loved ones and friends in the homeland and were thankful for their love, re-

membrances and above all, their prayers for us.

We witnessed God at work just over a week ago. Darrell didn't come home for dinner after church on Sunday, Dec. 17th. Of course, the thought always flashes through my mind that he might have been picked up and imprisoned when he doesn't come home, but then other possibilities come to mind, and I thought, hopefully, that he was talking with the folks, or making plans for their Christmas service. I play the organ at the "mother" church here in Lubango and Darrell preaches at the suburb church in Santo Antonio. About 2:30 p.m. I received a phone call from the pastor's wife, asking if Darrell were home. Finally, she and her husband came to the phone to tell me that Darrell, along with six other men, were taken into custody following the church service. I made preparations to go down to the place where over three hundred are imprisoned here in Lubango, when Darrell arrived. In short, the men were questioned and released and told to return for further questioning at 8:30 the next morning. Naturally much prayer went up from Christians all over the city.

On Monday morning the pastor accompanied the men, and when questioned, gave a brief resume of the history of the mission church. They had been meeting there for over a year and a new law forbids the establishment of new churches. They were asked if they were Jehovah's Witnesses which is outlawed. In the end, they were told they could continue their worship and could even enlarge their facilities, and were let go. Continue to pray!

The 8:30 p.m. - 5:30 a.m. curfew limits night school classes and evening church activities, and occasionally we hear gunshots, but basically carry on normally, grateful for God's provision for us day by day. For Christmas dinner, a missionary couple with their two daughters from Finland, a German-Swiss and French-Swiss single lady mission-

aries, plus two African girls joined Darrell and me for Christmas dinner. Friends brought us a chicken (first in months), half a young goat, string beans, and I made a Christmas pudding out of fruit and nuts Paul had brought in June, so we felt we had a feast.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely in Him,
Darrell and Barbara Hockersmith

Note: The packages sent by friend and the church plus many greeting cards arrived safely just after Christmas. Also, a package which had been mailed in September of 1977 arrived intact.

ANGOLA, AFRICA

Hospital de Kalukemb
CP29, Kalukemb
Republic Popular de ANGOLA
December 22, 1978

Dear Friends,

A week ago we finally arrived at Kalukembe and were given a royal welcome. What a joy to be back! Within hours I was in Surgery, helping Steve with some difficult cases and during this week have resumed full responsibilities in the hospital. In addition, I've been requested to take added responsibility as Medical Director of the work as Dr. Brechet, the senior physician, is retiring. This will involve a fair amount of administration, and I will appreciate your prayer support for me in this.

Our trip back, instead of being 2-3 days as anticipated, took us two full weeks. We departed New York on November 30 instead of the 27th as originally planned. The delay was a blessing in disguise as our daughter, Sheila, received her document granting authority to work in Angola on the 28th.

Arriving in Luanda at 3:00 a.m. was complicated by the curfew which prohibited anyone driving or walking until daybreak — after 5:00 a.m. Fortunately we were able to

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like contact with an Angolan pastor who graciously assisted with transport. In spite of a short night was asked to preach in a couple of churches that same day.

In our journey to the mission the Lord wonderfully undertook for us had protected us. Two days later twelve people were killed in attacks on that highway. Thank you for praying for us.

Sincerely,
Bob Foster

PAN

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Dear Friends,

Over four months have passed since we left Zion to return to Japan. Enroute, we enjoyed a short visit with Barbara's parents and brother on the West Coast, with our son, Mark, in Hawaii (where he is attending the university) and even an hour with Vonita (Clark's cousin) and Kem Spenser in Soul, Korea. We were shocked to be greeted by Mark with an arm, leg and shoulder wrapped in bandages. He had taken a spill on his motorcycle the day before leaving Japan, hitting himself up and losing his wallet containing money and documents - which was later returned to us completely intact by the police to whom it had been delivered.

Within a couple of days after our arrival, we were back in the rhythm of life in Japan and our activities related to church, school and community. We are thankful that all seemed to have gone well during the two and a half month absence.

Since our return, along with our regular church program, we have had a combined weekend retreat of Kariya and Takahama churches. I also participated in the Fall retreat of the Nagoya Union Church, at which Clark both gave a lecture and preached a sermon. He has also lectured during the

weekly "Christian Hour" at a mission girls' school to some 600 first year students, at the annual Hayama Missionary Men's Seminar and at a small gathering of North American Baptist missionaries. At the annual Kariya Church dedication anniversary services in November, two evenings of Christian films were enjoyed both by the church fellowship and a number of newcomers. The Christmas Eve Service at the Kariya Church included the baptism of two young men and two older ladies, the daughters of tiny, 84 year old Mrs. Suzuki, for whom this was a very happy Christmas.

Two matters of special import in the Kariya and Takahama churches have also claimed our attention in the past couple of months. At a special congregational meeting, approval was given to renovate the Kariya Church (making one large room out of two smaller rooms) with the use of funds previously designated for a future building program and to rent this room to the private **juku** (an "extra-curricular" tutorial program of instruction for elementary and junior high school students) at which Pastor Tomita teaches in a neighboring city and which desired to open up a Kariya Branch. This **juku** began its regular classes on December 1st. We trust that this project will not only result in financial income for the church, but that it will also be a means of introducing both students and their families to the church and its activities.

The Takahama fellowship launched a fund raising drive (over and above the special Christmas offerings, half of which will again be remitted to the orphanage in the Philippines) for the procurement and installation of an "Answer Phone" in the Takahama Church. Clark records 2½ minute tapes, which are changed daily, for this "Message for Today" telephone ministry (our version of the "Dial-a-Devotion" in Zion). This service began on January 1st and we pray that it will be increasingly used by both Christians (some of whom find it difficult to attend church

services) and non-Christians (many of whom would find it easier to make a phone call and listen to a short message than to attend church) as it becomes more widely known. We would appreciate your prayers also for these new projects as well as for the regular church programs in both Kariya and Takahama.

Our winter holiday season was made especially happy for us by the suddenly planned visit of our two older children. Steve and Sue both arrived by charter flight on December 20 and left Japan on January 8 to return to their jobs in Tampa (with Westinghouse) and Chicago (with the Japanese Consulate). During their visit, we also talked with Mark in Honolulu. We thank God for His blessing upon us as a family and upon the ministry into which He has led us here. We are also thankful for the interest and prayers of those who remember us. The word of Paul to Archippus is a good one for us all:

"Take heed to the ministry which thou has received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it." Colossians 4:17

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Clark and Barbara Offner

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Dear Prayer Partner,

Each monthly issue of MAGALLA is a miracle! Behind each article and illustration is a life changed by Jesus. One of our staff members was a Muslim, another was mixed up with drugs. All of us in one way or another were "gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature". But then "because of His great love for us, God who is rich in mercy made us alive with Christ." - Eph. 2

All stories for a MAGALLA issue are either written or adapted from other sources by Arab believers working in and around Cairo (ex-



Smaller children singing Christmas songs.



The three little wise men.



The Middlers singing Christmas Carols.



Congregation at Inscription House.



David Tate passing our Christmas treats.



Kaibeto Mission building in winter.

for the cartoon Bible story which will be described in a later issue). The manuscripts are collected and edited by a dedicated Egyptian couple who have a burning passion for this work. The final edited manuscripts are taken to an Arabic calligrapher who fits the stories into nice neat columns. Then, these columns, along with some suggestions for layout, are delivered to us at the main office.

Here the final artwork is prepared. The layouts and spot illustrations are done by Terry Ligon (artist from Kentucky) and myself. Photographic work — such as making the film strips from which prints are made — is done by Lennart Molin (from Sweden).

When this work is completed, a member of the team delivers the artwork and final films to the printing presses on Cyprus. In the past, this was done by project coordinator Terry Ascott (from England). But now, Lennart and I have been made the trip and in the future we three will rotate this task-long responsibility.

From Cyprus the copies of *GALLA* are distributed to thirteen Arab countries. We praise God that soon Syria will be added to the list!

As project coordinator, Terry Ascott oversees the entire process. Terry Ligon's wife, Mary Ann, serves as office secretary, and Nancy works as the team bookkeeper.

REQUESTS: As you are in prayer these next few weeks, please pray that: (1) God will open up the country of Tunisia for distribution. Essential paperwork is stalled in government bureaucracy. (2) God will raise up several more Arab workers who can effectively communicate His truths to Muslim lands. We will keep you informed of God answers your prayers.

Working with you, for Him!

Randy & Nancy

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GRO-BOX OFFERS HOPE FOR HUNGRY NATIONS

Dr. I. MacPerry, a director of the Farm at Florida Beacon College here, has demonstrated a practical method of helping food-short nations of Africa, Asia and Latin America to feed themselves.

Through the cooperation of Christian missionaries in Haiti, Perry has shown how to overcome malnutrition in a tropical climate and in a country where most of the productive soil has been destroyed.

The Gro-Box Method is a time-tested combination of hydroponic, organic and conventional gardening which produces immense quantities of fresh vegetables from a 5-by-30 foot box, eight inches deep. One Gro-Box will provide enough vegetables for one person all year.

"There is nothing more convincing than seeing how Gro-Boxes produce," said Perry. "Word gets around and people come from distant points just to see the huge amounts of fresh food-stuffs grown so cheaply in such a small place". Perry believes the system holds great hope for many countries, especially in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the West Indies. In addition to Haiti, Gro-Box has already been established in Mexico, Honduras, and Iran.

"Dr. Jacob Mittleider, the California agricultural missionary who developed the Gro-Box Method, spent ten years analysing growing problems and hunger around the world, and the Gro-Box system is the result," Perry said.

A self-study course in the Gro-Box Method is available from Florida Beacon College, 6900 142 Avenue North, Largo, FL 33541. Cost to persons on any mission field is \$5.00; to students in the U.S., \$15.00.

INSCRIPTION HOUSE NAVAJO MISSION

P.O. Box 50
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January 15th

Dear Pastor Ottersen,

This is just a note to send along with some of the pictures which Leroy Nez took of our Christmas Program.

Would you believe that our pump motor is still not working? We finally took the Add-a-phase to Camp Verde and let Gale Huff, the man who first installed the pump, work on it. I am supposed to call him to see if it is okay. The factory representative told us the trouble is with the Add-a-phase. We certainly hope this will solve the problem. We do have water again from the community pump after being out several times.

Homer Carr and his wife have returned to our fellowship after being absent for quite some time and have been attending faithfully. Pray that the rest of the family will do the same.

Leroy and Sue are doing okay at Kaibeto with attendance running from fifteen to thirty. I have been there the last two Sundays. Jerry goes part of the time and sometimes Leroy and Sue keep things going by themselves. Pray that we may work out some help for them by this summer.

We received word that the new Navajo Hymnals will be ready by March. We certainly hope so.

We still have about a foot of snow and the forecast is for more tomorrow. I guess we can use the moisture, but hope it misses us this time. We are keeping well and warm and busy.

Sincerely,
Bernard and Edna Reimer

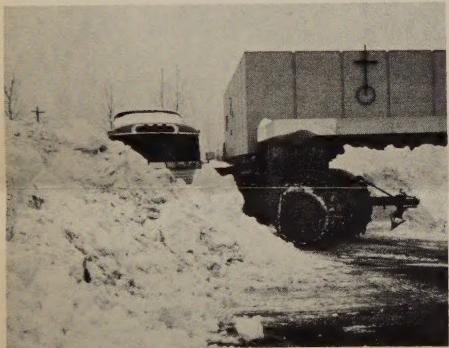
"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

I John 4:10, 11

SNOW—SNOW—SNOW

Already this winter we have had nearly six feet of snow, and at this writing, there are near blizzard conditions outside. Schools, many offices and businesses are again closed and life has again come to a near stand-still. On New Year's Eve the Watchnight Service was canceled due to heavy snow, and again on January 14th, both morning and evening services were canceled. Fortunately, through radio, we were able to have a worship service with many of the congregation joining in the service in their own homes. Pastors Ottersen and Minton and Tim Allen led in the Service with Kirk Weese handling the radio controls. It certainly seemed strange to lead a service with no congregation present.



Milt Anderson using tractor to dig bus out of snowbank.

The heavy snows have resulted in millions of dollars lost in production and sales and some churches have also suffered greatly in loss of contributions. Were it not that many of our people put God first in their finances, and tithe, (the area of responsibility committed to us) whether or not they are able to attend services, we would have been greatly hurt also.



View of sanctuary from southeast exit.

Some good things have resulted from these snow storms: Families have been forced to spend more time together. There has been a good spirit of helpfulness (and at times helplessness) when a car has become stuck in a snowdrift or when an elderly neighbor has been unable to shovel out a path to the door or get out to purchase groceries. For instance, on January 19th, many of the young people of our church met together to assist shut-ins with getting groceries or with shoveling of snow from their walkway to the road.



View of offices, nearly hidden by snow.

Though we have been hit quite hard, yet we have seen the many mercies of our God. None of our people have really suffered and none have been involved in serious accidents or suffered heart attacks from over exertion.

When Spring weather does eventually arrive, I feel we will have a new appreciation for it.

ARE YOU PLANNING TO MOVE?

Please don't move without first sending us your new address. For each returned Leaves of Healing, it costs us \$.25 plus the original mailing cost. Beginning with the January issue it shall be our policy to drop from our mailing list those who fail to notify us of a change of address. Such names will be reinstated upon request. We are happy to know that Leaves of Healing is being read and appreciated. Though it is sent out to all who desire it free of charge, it does cost over \$700 monthly to print and mail the Leaves.

There is a time, we know not when,

A place, we know not where;

Which marks the destiny of men

To glory or despair.

There is a line, by us unseen,

Which crosses every path,

Which marks the boundary between
God's mercy and his wrath.

To pass that limit is to die,

To die as if by stealth;

It does not dim the beaming eye,
Nor pale the glow of health.

The conscience may be still at ease,

The spirit light and gay;

And that which pleases still may please,
And care be thrust away.

But on that forehead God hath set

Indelibly a mark;

Unseen by man, for man as yet,
Is blind and in the dark.

He feels perchance that all is well

And every fear is calmed;

He lives, he dies, he wakes in hell,
Not only doomed, but damned!

O, where is that mysterious line

That may by men be crossed,

Beyond which God Himself hath sworn,
That he who goes is lost?

An answer from the skies repeats,

"Ye who from God depart,"

TODAY, O hear His voice,
TODAY repent and harden not your

— Joseph Addison Alexander

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Thomas (Ora) Scott, nee
Maltby (Cook, Londahl, Scott)
California, September 12, 1978

Mrs. John (Flossie) Burgess, nee
Kern
December 27, 1978

Mrs. James (Lucile) Dreyer, nee
Van Orsdol
Zion, January 5, 1979

Ray E. Cook
Florida, January 10, 1979

Mrs. Harold (Ethel) Zweizig,
nee Nicholson
Zion, January 15, 1979

Mrs. Robert Spanton,
nee Congdon
Zion, January 24, 1979

Paul Larson
Zion, February 6, 1979

"Blessed are the dead who die in
the Lord from henceforth. Yea,
saith the Spirit, that they may rest
from their labors, and their works
do follow them."

Revelations 14:13